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Maldonado Committee for Protecting California Families
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Mr. Abel Maldonado:

This morning I was disturbed to read a *Los Angeles Times* report on the launch of your initiative to repeal realignment. The story, "Maldonado's 'early release' repeal targets wrong offender" makes plain as day that you used a photo of a man with no relation whatsoever to realignment reforms and in fact the effort seems to be nothing more than despicable attempt to drag the Willie Horton-style racial politics of the past into California.

We call on you to stop falsifying facts about realignment.

We call on you to stop falsifying facts to make your case.

We call on you to apologize to the African-American community and to decent Californians everywhere who have grown tired of and have rejected the politics of stereotyping, bigotry and racial imagery that have scarred our collective soul and cheapened our political discourse.

Californians have come too far to go back to the type of politics employed to appeal to their worst demons.

Apologize and right this wrong today.

Alice Huffman
President